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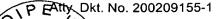
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005. Applicants respectfully request the present application be allowed based upon the remarks following the listing of the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: